

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 4

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

Citations Affected: Article 6 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.

Synopsis: Coroners. Removes from the Constitution of the State of Indiana provisions requiring the election of coroners and limiting a coroner to no more than eight years in office in any twelve year period. This proposed amendment has not been previously agreed to by a general assembly.

Effective: This proposed amendment must be agreed to by two consecutive general assemblies and ratified by a majority of the state's voters voting on the question to be effective.

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January 8, 2008, read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government and Elections.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to Article 6 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana concerning local government.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the
2 State of Indiana is proposed and agreed to by this, the One Hundred
3 Fifteenth General Assembly of the State of Indiana, and is referred to
4 the next General Assembly for reconsideration and agreement.

5 SECTION 2. ARTICLE 6, SECTION 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION
6 OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO READ AS
7 FOLLOWS: Section 2. (a) There shall be elected, in each county by the
8 voters thereof, at the time of holding general elections, a Clerk of the
9 Circuit Court, Auditor, Recorder, Treasurer, Sheriff, ~~Coroner~~, and
10 Surveyor, who shall, severally, hold their offices for four years.

11 (b) The General Assembly may provide by law for uniform dates for
12 beginning the terms of the county officials listed in subsection (a). If
13 the General Assembly enacts a law to provide a uniform date for
14 beginning the terms of a county official listed in subsection (a), the



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1 General Assembly may provide that the term of each county official
2 initially elected after enactment of the law to provide the uniform date
3 for beginning the terms of the county official is for less than four years
4 in order to establish a uniform schedule of dates for the beginning of
5 terms for the office. However, after the initial election for each office,
6 the term for that office shall be for four years.

7 (c) No person shall be eligible to the office of Clerk, Auditor,
8 Recorder, Treasurer, ~~or Sheriff or Coroner~~ more than eight years in any
9 period of twelve years.

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